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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Masahisa SONODA et al.

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For: NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR
MEMORY DEVICE HAVING
GROOVES ISOLATING THE
FLOATING ELECTRODES OF
MEMORY CELLS AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE
NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR
MEMORY DEVICE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated December 9, 2004, the Examiner pointed out that Applicants' Response filed on September 29, 2004, was not responsive to the Office Action of September 3, 2004, and required further election of species by January 9, 2005. Particularly in the Office Action of September 3, 2004, the Examiner stated that in the event Group I was elected, the application would be further restricted to one of the following species:

Species I - Fig. 1;

Species II - Fig. 7;

Species III - Fig. 9;

Species IV - Fig. 11;

Species V - Fig. 13; and

Species VI - Fig. 15.

Since Applicants elected Group I in the Response filed September 29, 2004, Applicants were required to elect one of the species.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing additional time to respond to the Office Action of September 3, 2004, and provisionally elect to prosecute Species I, FIG. 1, on which claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 read, without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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* With limited recognition under 37 C.F.R. § 10.9(b).